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REMARKS

Claims 1-10, 12, and 14-23 are all the claims presently pending in the application. Claims 1-2, 12, 14-17, and 22 are amended to more clearly define the invention. Claims 1, 12, 14-17, and 22 are independent.

These amendments are made only to more particularly point out the invention for the Examiner and not for narrowing the scope of the claims or for any reason related to a statutory requirement for patentability.

Applicant also notes that, notwithstanding any claim amendments herein or later during prosecution, Applicant's intent is to encompass equivalents of all claim elements.

Entry of this §1.116 Amendment is proper. Since the Amendments above narrow the issues for appeal and since such features and their distinctions over the prior art of record were discussed earlier, such amendments do not raise a new issue requiring a further search and/or consideration by the Examiner. As such, entry of this Amendment is believed proper and Applicant earnestly solicits entry. No new matter has been added.

Claim 16 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Claims 1-10, 12, 16-17 and 14-23 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph as failing to comply with the written description requirement.

These rejections are respectfully traversed in the following discussion.

I. THE 35 U.S.C. § 101 REJECTION

The Examiner alleges that claim 16 is directed to non-statutory subject matter. While Applicant submits that such would be clear to one of ordinary skill in the art to allow them to know the metes and bounds of the invention, taking the present Application as a whole, to speed prosecution claim 16 has been amended in accordance with Examiner Tran's very helpful suggestions.

In view of the foregoing, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw this rejection.

II. THE 35 U.S.C. § 112, FIRST PARAGRAPH REJECTION

The Examiner alleges that claims 1-10, 12, and 14-23 contain subject matter, which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor had possession of the claimed invention at the time the

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invention was filed. While Applicant submits that such would be clear to one of ordinary skill in the art to allow them to know the metes and bounds of the invention, taking the present Application as a whole, to speed prosecution claims 1-2, 12, 14-17, and 22 have been amended in accordance with Examiner Tran's very helpful suggestions.

In view of the foregoing, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw this rejection.

III. THE 35 U.S.C. § 112, SECOND PARAGRAPH REJECTION

The Examiner alleges that claim 17 is indefinite. While Applicant submits that such would be clear to one of ordinary skill in the art to allow them to know the metes and bounds of the invention, taking the present Application as a whole, to speed prosecution claim 17 has been amended in accordance with Examiner Tran's very helpful suggestions.

In view of the foregoing, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw this rejection.

IV. THE CLAIMED INVENTION

An exemplary embodiment of the claimed invention, as defined by, for example, independent claim 1, is directed to a digital content reproducing system that includes a movie company terminal which stores and manages a digital content of movies, a content delivery terminal in communication with the movie company terminal via a network, and a projecting system which is connected to the content delivery terminal via the network, receives the digital content from the content delivery terminal via the network, and reproduces the digital content to show a movie. The projecting system includes a reproducing device, and a backup reproducing device that decodes signals while the reproducing device periodically sends a first predetermined signal to the backup reproducing device. The backup reproducing device starts processing the decoded signals when the reproducing device stops sending the first predetermined signal.

Conventional systems that reproduce and deliver content are film based. These systems are expensive because the film is expensive to produce, copy, distribute, and store. Further, film tends to degrade over time and may become damaged, thereby introducing errors into the content that is stored on the film.

In stark contrast, the present invention provides a digital content reproducing system

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that includes a reproducing device, and a backup reproducing device that decodes signals while the reproducing device periodically sends a first predetermined signal to the backup reproducing device and that starts processing the decoded signals when the reproducing device stops sending the first predetermined signal.

In this manner, the present invention increases the reliability of all aspects of the content production, delivery and presentation. The present invention also makes it easier to deal with the content and does not subject the content to the risk of degradation and/or damage. (Page 2, lines 3-8).

V. FORMAL MATTERS AND CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-10, 12, and 14-23, all the claims presently pending in the Application, are patentably distinct over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to pass the above application to issue at the earliest possible time.

Should the Examiner find the Application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.


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Respectfully Submitted,

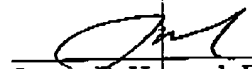
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